

amendments? If not, the question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. (Gavel.) Let's vote on the committee amendments and get going, please. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The committee amendments are adopted. Now we are back on the bill. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, I handed out a summary of the bill that should be on your desk if you want to look through it. It, basically, goes section by section through the bill, explains the changes that take place. In Section 1 through 5 we are creating an Insect Pest and Plant Disease Administrative Cash Fund for the purposes of offsetting or defraying expenses to the department. In Section 6 we changed some of the powers and duties in the Department of Agriculture section. Seven through 10 we amend the Pure Food Act to conform partly with federal legislation and also to increase the annual inspection fee for food establishments from \$35 to \$50, and to increase the initial permit fee from \$20 to \$100. We also provide some exemptions for charitable groups such as religious and fraternal and so forth. This section is very important I guess to the department as they feel that once again raising these fees will help them offset certain costs that they will probably undertake due to the fact of administering this act. We also changed the Nebraska Seed Law somewhat, or at least amended it to provide for another inspection fee as I've explained it with the committee amendments. Finally, in Section 25 we amend the weights and measures law to conform with, once again, some federal changes that have come down from the federal government and also increased the fee there. In talking with the Department of Agriculture and also the Governor's office, they feel this bill is very important to them. That is part of the reason why it's been sort of special ordered in order to make sure that their budget for next year is going to match or at least defray some of the expenses that they have. They feel it is very important that this bill be passed in order for their budget to exist, I guess. So, with that, that is the bill. If you have any questions I will try and answer them, if not, I'd simply move the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, please.